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FOLLOWING FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION
OF AFP RELEASE CARRIED BY CAMEROONIAN PRESS SERVICE FRIDAY,
JULY 22:

1. "THE UNITED STATES MIGHT CONSIDER WITHDRAWING FROM THE UN
CONFERENCE ON LAW OF THE SEA.
2. "THIS "BOMB" WAS DROPPED ON WEDNESDAY BY MR. ELIOT RICHARDSON,
HEAD OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION AND SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF
PRESIDENT CARTER TO THE CONFERENCE, AS THE ULTIMATE EXPRESSION
OF THE US DISSATISFACTION OVER THE "INFORMAL COMPOSITE NEGOTIATING
TEXT" PUBLISHED ON WEDNESDAY, FIVE DAYS AFTER THE CLOSING OF
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THE CONFERENCE, AND WHICH HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED AS
FORMING A SOLID BASIS OF NEGOTIATION AT THE NEXT CONFERENCE
ON LAW OF THE SEA.

3. "THAT TEXT, MR. RICHARDSON SAID, IN A PRESS CONFERENCE,
DIFFERS UNACCEPTABLY FROM THE FORMULAS
THAT WERE THOROUGHLY DISCUSSED DURING THE CONFERENCE CONCERNING

REGULATIONS FOR MINING MINERALS FROM THE SEA BED. MR. RICHARDSON WILL RECOMMEND THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES BEGIN A NEW PROFOUND EXAMINATION OF THE WORKING METHODS OF THE CONFERENCE AND OF THE US INTEREST IN THE PURSUIT OF SUCH NEGOTIATIONS.

4. "THE US DISSATISFACTION THAT MR. RICHARDSON BELIEVED WOULD BE SHARED WITH THE OTHER COUNTRIES WITH MARITIME TECHNOLOGIES RESULTS FROM A VERY RARELY USED PROCEDURE ACCORDING TO WHICH THE "COMPOSITE TEXT", WHICH IS IN THE FORM OF A DRAFT TREATY OF 198 PAGES, WAS WRITTEN IN THE LAST ANALYSIS BY SIX PEOPLE WITH NEITHER THE SUPERVISION NOR THE PARTICIPATION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE AND IN PARTICULAR OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

5. "THESE SIX PEOPLE WERE THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE, MR. SHIRLEY AMERASINGHE (SRI LANKA), THE PRESIDENTS OF THE THREE COMMISSION, MR. PAUL ENGO(CAMEROON), FOR THE FIRST COMMITTEE, MR. ANDRESA AGUILAR(VENEZUELA), FOR THE SECOND, MR. ALEXANDER YANKOV (BULGARIA) FOR THE THIRD, AND MR. ALAN BEESLEYH(CANADA) AS PRESIDENT OF THE DRAFTING COMMITTEE AND MR. KENNETH RATTRAY (JAMAICA), REPORTER.

6. "IN A PREVIOUS PRESS CONFERENCE, MR. BEESLEY, CANADIAN UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, HAD SAID THAT HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE "COMPOSITE TEXT".

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7. "IN FACT, IT IS TO MR. ENGO, THE PRESIDENT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH SUTDYING THE QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL REGULATION OF THE DEEP SEA BED, THAT THE AMERICAN CRITICISMS ARE ADDRESSED.

8. "ACCORDING TO MR. RICARDSON, THE MEETINGS HELD UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE NORWEGIAN MINISTER, JENS EVENSEN, HAD MADE PROGRESS TOWARD A CNSENSUS ON A "PARALLEL REGIME" FOR MINIG THE DEEP SEA BED WHICH WOULD HAVE GUARANTEED A CERTAIN AUTONOMY TO THE COMPANIES AND THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE THE NECESSARY TECHNOLOGY (TO MINE THE DEEP SEA BED) BUT MR. ENGO TOOK INTO HIS HANDS THE WRITING OF THE ARTICLES DEVOTED TO THIS QUESTION AND UNILATERALLY REINTRODUCED INTO THEM THE VIEWS OF THE THIRD WORLD.

9. "MR. RICHARDSON CRITICIZES THE "ENGO" TEXT FOR NOT GIVING SUFFICIE NT GUARANTEES OF ACCESS TO THE MINING SITES TO THE COMPANIES AND INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WHO WERE EXPECTED TO FINANCE THE "INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISE" WHICH WOULD MINE THE MINERAL NODULES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, FOR MAKING THE RANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO THIS "ENTERPRISE" A CONDITION OF CONTRACTS GRANTED TO THESE CONSORTIA, FOR COMPELLING THE CONSORTIA

TO DO THEIR MINING "IN ASSOCIATION" WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISE, FOR PLACING AN EXCESSIVE FINANCIAL BURDEN ON PRIVATE COMPANIES, FOR ARTIFICIALLY LIMITING THE PRODUCTION OF MINERALS IN A MANNER WHICH IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE FUNDAMENTAL ECONOMIC INTERESTS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND FOR GIVING THE INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY UNACCEPTABLE POWER IN THE REGULATION OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE ZONE." END OF ARTICLE.

10. COMMENT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.
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